

In the Claims:

- 1.(currently amended) Hard surface cleaning composition particularly adapted for the cleaning treatment of flooring surfaces, which composition comprises:
 water;
 a nonionic surfactant based on ethoxy/propoxy block copolymers having a molecular weight of at least about 2200;
 an amphoteric hydrotrope;
 optionally ~~but particularly desirably~~, one or more further deterative surfactants, preferably one or more anionic surfactants but preferably at least one anionic surfactant is present in conjunction with the nonionic surfactant constituent;
 optionally one or more conventional additives; ~~and~~;
 ~~water.~~
- 2.(original) A hard surface cleaning composition according to claim 1 wherein; the nonionic surfactant based on ethoxy/propoxy block copolymers has a molecular weight of at least about 2500.
- 3.(original) A hard surface cleaning composition according to claim 1 wherein; the amphoteric hydrotrope is selected from alkylampho(mono)propionates and alkylampho(di)propionates.
- 4.(original) A hard surface cleaning composition according to claim 3 wherein; the amphoteric hydrotrope is an alkylampho(di)propionate.
- 5.(currently amended) A hard surface cleaning composition according to claim 1 ~~any preceding claim~~ wherein the composition is essentially free of organic solvents.

- 6.(currently amended) A hard surface cleaning composition according to claim 1
~~any preceding claim~~ which further comprises:
a further deterative surfactant selected from: anionic surfactants, nonionic
surfactants, mixtures of an anionic and a nonionic surfactant.
- 7.(original) A hard surface cleaning composition according to claim 6 wherein;
the composition comprises a nonionic alcohol ethoxylate surfactant.
- 8.(original) A hard surface cleaning composition according to claim 6 wherein;
the composition comprises an anionic sulfonate surfactant.
- 9.(original) A hard surface cleaning composition according to any preceding claim
wherein;
the composition comprises at least 92%wt. water.
- 10.(original) A hard surface cleaning composition according to claim 9 wherein;
the composition comprises at least 94%wt. water.
- 11.(currently amended) A hard surface cleaning composition at a pH of not more
than 7 adapted for the cleaning treatment of flooring surfaces, which composition
comprises (~~but preferably consists of, more preferably consists essentially of~~):
0.001 – 5%wt. of a nonionic surfactant based on ethoxy/propoxy block
copolymers having a molecular weight of at least about 2500;
0.001 – 2%wt. of an amphoteric hydrotrope;
0.001 – 3%wt. of at least one anionic surfactant, preferably of the sulfonate type
in conjunction with at least one nonionic surfactant constituent, preferably an
alcohol alkoxylate;
optionally ~~but desirably~~ a preservative constituent;
optionally ~~but desirably~~ a defoaming constituent;
optionally ~~but desirably~~ a pH adjusting agent;

optionally one or more conventional additives; and,
at least 92%wt. ~~preferably at least 94%wt.~~ water,
characterized in that the compositions exclude traditional organic solvents.

12.(canceled)

13. A process for the cleaning of a hard surface, preferably flooring surfaces such as finished wood flooring, finished wood veneer flooring and finished non-wood flooring surfaces which are intended to provide the appearance of wood flooring surfaces, which process includes the step of providing a cleaning effective amount of the hard surface cleaning composition according to claim 1 ~~any preceding claim~~ to the hard surface.

14.(new) A hard surface cleaning composition according to claim 11 at a pH of not more than 7 adapted for the cleaning treatment of flooring surfaces, which composition comprises:
0.001 – 5%wt. of a nonionic surfactant based on ethoxy/propoxy block copolymers having a molecular weight of at least about 2500;
0.001 – 2%wt. of an amphoteric hydrotrope;
0.001 – 3%wt. of at least one anionic surfactant, of the sulfonate type in conjunction with at least one nonionic surfactant constituent of the alcohol alkoxylate type;
optionally a preservative constituent;
optionally a defoaming constituent;
optionally a pH adjusting agent;
optionally one or more conventional additives; and,
at least 92%wt. water,
characterized in that the compositions exclude traditional organic solvents.

- 15.(new) A hard surface cleaning composition according to claim 14 at a pH of not more than 7 adapted for the cleaning treatment of flooring surfaces, which composition consists essentially of:
- 0.001 – 5%wt. of a nonionic surfactant based on ethoxy/propoxy block copolymers having a molecular weight of at least about 2500;
 - 0.001 – 2%wt. of an amphoteric hydrotrope;
 - 0.001 – 3%wt. of at least one anionic surfactant, of the sulfonate type in conjunction with at least one nonionic surfactant constituent of the alcohol alkoxylate type;
 - optionally a preservative constituent;
 - optionally a defoaming constituent;
 - optionally a pH adjusting agent;
 - optionally one or more conventional additives; and,
 - at least 92%wt. water,
- characterized in that the compositions exclude traditional organic solvents.